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Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Winder called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Katelyn Berry, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

Reading and Correction of the Journal

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that the Senate Journal of the proceedings of March 25, 2022, was read and approved as corrected.

LAKEY, Chairman

There being no objection, the report was adopted and ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On motion by Senator Anthon, seconded by Senator Stennett, by voice vote the Senate recessed at 11:14 a.m. until the hour of 1 p.m. of this day.

RECESS AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate reconvened at 1 p.m., pursuant to recess, President Pro Tempore Winder presiding.

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Stennett, absent and excused.

Prior to recess the Senate was at the Third Order of Business.

The Senate advanced to the Fourth Order of Business.

Reading of Communications

March 31, 2022

The Honorable Janice McGeachin President of the Senate Idaho State Stenate

Dear Madam President,

I am writing this letter to provide notification, in letter form, that I transmitted to the Idaho Senate in February 2022, a copy of the Legislative redistricting plan submitted to this office by the Commission for Reapportionment. This report included the plan adopted by the Commission in November, which was later upheld by the Idaho Supreme Court.

Thank you, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, /s/ Lawerence Denney Secretary of State

Pursuant to Section 72-1508, Idaho Code, the President Pro Tempore ordered the Final Report of the Commission for Reapportionment spread upon the pages of the Journal. (See Appendix)

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

Reports of Standing Committees

Senator Stennett was recorded present at this order of business.

March 28, 2022

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled <u>SCR 125</u> and <u>SCR 124</u> were delivered to the Office of the Secretary of State at 9:12 a.m., March 28, 2022.

LAKEY, Chairman

The report was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

March 26, 2022

The Honorable Janice McGeachin President of the Senate Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam President:

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved, and vetoed, the following Bill, to wit:

S 1301

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 8:10 a.m. on March 22, 2022.

I recognize there may be a problem with property tax assessments for self-storage facilities, but I am reluctant to perform surgery on a wound that may only require a band aid.

This is undoubtedly a complex issue that has resulted in protracted administrative and legal challenges. Self-storage properties are inherently difficult to assess; however, I am disinclined to require county assessors to cap self-storage assessments using just the cost approach when no other commercial property type would be subject to the same standard. I am concerned this may open a Pandora's Box of other types of commercial properties seeking similar treatment. This concern is particularly heightened during a time when home prices in Idaho are skyrocketing and much of this legislative session has been focused on addressing rising property taxes, particularly for homeowners. As we all are aware, any reduction in value of one property type results in a shift of tax burden to other property tax payers.

If this is, as the proponents say, a clarification of the existing law, then I encourage the bill proponents, the county assessors, and other stakeholders to attempt to resolve the issue. If this cannot be done, it may be appropriate to clarify in rule or bring legislation in the future.

Sincerely, /s/Brad Little Governor of Idaho

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, <u>S 1301</u> was recommitted to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate

March 28, 2022

The Honorable Janice McGeachin President of the Senate Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam President:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on March 25, 2022 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bills, to wit:

<u>S 1297, S 1421, S 1424, S 1425, S 1426, and</u> <u>S 1427</u>

> Sincerely, /s/ Brad Little Governor of Idaho

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

March 28, 2022

The Honorable Janice McGeachin President of the Senate Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam President:

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved and vetoed, the following Senate Bill, to wit:

S 1381

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 3:25 p.m. on March 22, 2022.

I am vetoing this legislation because I am a lifelong advocate of limited government, and Senate Bill 1381 significantly expands government overreach into the private sector.

I kept Idaho open while other states were on lockdown, never issued any mask or vaccine mandates, and banned "vaccine passports." I am committed to working through the rule of law to keep Idaho the strongest state in the nation.

I have been consistent in stating my belief that businesses should be left to make decisions about the management of their operations and employees with limited interference from government. For the same reason, I sued to stop President Joe Biden's vaccine mandates three times, successfully challenging his unprecedented government overreach into the lives of American workers and the decisions of free businesses.

Throughout my time in public service, I have advocated for and championed fewer government regulations and mandates on businesses. As Governor, I have worked effectively with Idahoans and my legislative partners to make Idaho the least regulated state and to maintain the strongest economy and state budget in the nation. It is a big part of the reason we are able to provide Idahoans historic tax relief and make record investments in schools, roads, water, and other areas important to the people we serve.

Sincerely, /s/ Brad Little Governor of Idaho

The question being, "Shall <u>S 1381</u> become law, the Governor's veto notwithstanding?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES-Agenbroad, Anthon, Bayer, Cook, Crabtree, Den Hartog, Grow, Harris, Lakey, Lee, Lent, Martin, Rice, Ricks, Riggs, Souza, Thayn, VanOrden (Bair), Vick, Winder, Zito. Total - 21.

NAYS-Blair (Johnson), Burgoyne, Burtenshaw, Guthrie, Heider, Lodge, Nelson, Nye, Patrick, Semmelroth, Stennett, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 14.

Total - 35.

Less than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President Pro Tempore declared that \$\frac{S}{1381}\$ has failed to become law, the Governor's veto sustained. \$\frac{S}{1381}\$ and the Governor's message will be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

March 28, 2022

The Honorable Janice McGeachin President of the Senate Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam President:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed today and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bills, to wit:

S 1279 and S 1320

Sincerely, /s/ Brad Little Governor of Idaho

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

March 29, 2022

The Honorable Janice McGeachin President of the Senate Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam President:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on March 24, 2022 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bill, to wit:

S 1399

Sincerely, /s/ Brad Little Governor of Idaho

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

March 28, 2022

The Honorable Janice McGeachin President of the Senate Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam President:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on March 28, 2022 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bills, to wit:

S 1378, S 1403, S 1405, and S 1420

Sincerely, /s/ Brad Little Governor of Idaho

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

March 29, 2022

The Honorable Janice McGeachin President of the Senate Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam President:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on March 28, 2022 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bills, to wit:

S 1259 and S 1428

Sincerely, /s/ Brad Little Governor of Idaho

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

March 30, 2022

The Honorable Janice McGeachin President of the Senate Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam President:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on March 29, 2022 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bills, to wit:

S 1422 and **S** 1429

Sincerely, /s/ Brad Little Governor of Idaho

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

March 31, 2022

The Honorable Janice McGeachin President of the Senate Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam President,

Pursuant to Idaho Code 67-504, I hereby notify the Senate that I delivered without my approval, disapproved, and vetoed the following Senate Bill, to wit:

S 1301

This vetoed legislation and my objections were hand delivered during the legislative recess on March 26, 2022, at 2:54 p.m., to Jennifer Novak, Secretary of the Senate. This notice shall serve as the requirement under Idaho Code 67-504 as to whom the vetoed legislation was delivered to, as well as the date and time of its delivery.

Sincerely, /s/ Brad Little Governor of Idaho

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

March 31, 2022

The Honorable Janice McGeachin President of the Senate Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam President.

Pursuant to Idaho Code 67-504, I hereby notify the Senate that I delivered without my approval, disapproved, and vetoed the following Senate Bill, to wit:

S 1381

This vetoed legislation and my objections were hand delivered during the legislative recess on March 28, 2022, at 2:34 p.m., to Jennifer Novak, Secretary of the Senate. This notice shall serve as the requirement under Idaho Code 67-504 as to whom the vetoed legislation was delivered to, as well as the date and time of its delivery.

Sincerely, /s/ Brad Little Governor of Idaho

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the President Pro Tempore appointed a committee consisting of Senator Riggs, Chairman, and Senator Semmelroth to escort the committee from the House of Representatives into the Senate Chamber. Representatives Kauffman, Troy and McCrostie informed the Senate that the House of Representatives had completed its business and was ready to adjourn *Sine Die*.

The President Pro Tempore thanked and discharged the committee.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the President Pro Tempore appointed a committee consisting of Senator Crabtree, Chairman, and Senator Wintrow and Acting Senator VanOrden to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate had completed its business and was ready to adjourn *Sine Die*. The committee was excused.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the President Pro Tempore appointed a committee consisting of Senator Guthrie, Chairman, and Senators Lent and Stennett to notify the Governor that the Senate had completed its business and was ready to adjourn *Sine Die*. The committee was excused.

The committee appointed to wait upon the House of Representatives returned and reported that it had delivered the Senate's message. The committee conveyed the Speaker's response to the President Pro Tempore and the members of the Senate.

The President Pro Tempore thanked and discharged the committee.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor returned and reported that it had delivered the Senate's message. The committee conveyed the Governor's response to the President Pro Tem and the members of the Senate.

The President Pro Tem thanked and discharged the committee.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifteenth Order of Business.

Miscellaneous Business

On motion by Senator Anthon, seconded by Senator Stennett, by voice vote the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Legislature of the Idaho Senate adjourned *Sine Die* at 2:43 p.m., Thursday, March 31, 2022.

CHUCK WINDER, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

[Note: The following is action recorded after Senate Sine Die:]

CERTIFICATE

State of Idaho)
Senate Chamber, Boise, Idaho)

We, CHUCK WINDER, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify and attest as follows:

That the daily Senate Journal of the proceedings of March 31, 2022, the Eighty-first Legislative Day, has been read and approved:

And, said Journal contains a true, complete, and accurate record of all Senate proceedings of said day, including final actions by the Senate and the Governor of the State of Idaho, as statutorily mandated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 1st day of April, 2022.

CHUCK WINDER, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary
